

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 122

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Alex Ballesterous, Tyler Harper, Clinton Phifer, and Dejuan Vaughn of Henry County.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in our deliberations to recognize those individuals whose athletic endeavors and prowess serve to bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, four such individuals are Alex Ballesterous, Tyler Harper, Clinton Phifer, and Dejuan Vaughn, all talented pugilists whose skills and sportsmanship both in and out of the ring have enabled them to stand as worthy ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, boxers of the highest degree, the four Golden Glove winners have won numerous tournaments, championships, and honorary medals; and

WHEREAS, a boxer of the highest degree, Alex Ballesterous gained a first-place finish in the semi-finals to the Nationals and currently holds the National Featherweight title; and

WHEREAS, considered by his peers to be an artist in the ring, Tyler Harper finished as runner-up in both the Mid-South and Southeastern regions; he currently holds the National Light Flyweight title; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Phifer's exemplary boxing skills have lead him to his current standing as the Southeastern Heavyweight Champion; and

WHEREAS, garnering many accolades and a level of regard for his grand exploits in the ring, Dejuan Vaughn is the Light Heavyweight Champion in both the Mid-South and Southeastern regions; he stands as the current holder of the national Light Heavyweight belt; and

WHEREAS, extremely gifted and talented boxers, these gentlemen have distinguished themselves as athletes of the highest order; they epitomize the ideal of the consummate athlete and they bring much honor to this great State; and

WHEREAS, the Paris-Henry County Boxing Club, under the leadership of boxing coach Neely Owens, is without peer; the support of family, fans, and the entire Henry County community has provided positive reinforcement to these athletes and has taught them valuable lessons about life, sportsmanship, and fair play; and

WHEREAS, all four boxers are committed to the noble precepts of hard work and dedication that have earned them recognition as champions, and it is entirely fitting that they be commended for their athletic endeavors and prowess; now, therefore

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Body formally recognize Alex Ballesterous, Tyler Harper, Clinton Phifer, and Dejuan Vaughn for their many masterful exploits in the boxing ring; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Alex Ballesterous, Tyler Harper, Clinton Phifer, and Dejuan Vaughn for their heralded achievements and athletic prowess in the boxing ring, and extend our best wishes for their continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.